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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 1744

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FARAKKA TALKS RESUME APRIL 15 IN DACCA

REF: DACCA 1731 (NOTAL)

1. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN DACCA APRIL 4 THAT TALKS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH ON FARAKKA BARRAGE WOULD RESUME IN DACCA ON APRIL 15. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID INDIAN DELEGATION IS "EXPECTED TO BE LED BY DEFENSE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM".

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL BDG WOULD PREFER JAGJIVAN TO RETAIN HIS ROLE AS FARAKKA NEGOTIATOR BOTH AS IT FEELS JAGJIVAN HAS FULLY KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION AND AS IT BELIEVES IT HAS ESTABLISHED PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH HIM. WERE PRAKASH SINGH BADAL TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT BDG ASSUMES IT WOULD HAVE TO START AT SQUARE ONE ON BOTH COUNTS.

3. MANY BANGLADESHIS (OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL) HOPE THAT NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO REACH AMICABLE SETTLEMENT. MORARJI'S AND VAJPAYEE'S STATEMENTS
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ON NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS ARE CITED IN SUPPORT OF THIS THEORY. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT GOI WILL IMPROVE OFFERS MADE IN LAST SESSION GIVEN ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN WEST BENGAL. WE EXPECT BANGLADESHIS MAY BE DISAPPOINTED ON FARAKKA.

4. ON INDIAN SUPPORT TO "MISCREANTS", HOWEVER, WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT ACTIVITY BY INDIANS IS ALREADY DECREASING. SOURCES INCLUDE PRIVATE CITIZENS WITH CONTACTS IN MYMENSINGH DISTRICT AND NEWSPAPERMEN WHO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THERE. TO WHAT EXTENT THIS WISHFUL THINKING AND HOW FAR IT IS ACCURATE IS NOT YET CLEAR.
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